(*a*) whether at present (10th April 1930) there are any lady members in any of the Municipal Councils of the State; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, whether they will consider the advisability of modifying the existing rules, if any, on the subject so that ladies also might become eligible for membership in such Councils?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ ഒഴിവു വരുമ്പോൾ സ്ത്രീകളെനാമിനേറ്റ് ചെയ്യുമോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): ഇപ്പോൾ അനുവദിക്കുന്നില്ലെങ്കിലും അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാമെന്നു മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Construction of a bathing ghat at Punalur.

318. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether detailed estimates for the construction of the bathing ghat on the river side in front of the Palace and the Travellers' Bungalow at Punalur have since been prepared; and

(*b*) if so, when the work is likely to be started?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No. They are under preparation.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

English School for Girls at Shertallai.

319. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction inspected the departmental English High School and the V. M. School, Shertallai, on the 25th September 1929;

(*b*) whether the Director of Public Instruction made any enquiry during this tour about the application for the opening of a Departmental English Middle School for Girls at Shertallai;

(*c*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has forwarded to the Government the notes of inspection of the above mentioned schools;

(*d*) if so, whether any proposals have been made in the inspection notes of the Director regarding the desirability of opening a Departmental English School for Girls at Shertallai;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, what those proposals are;

(*f*) whether they have taken any action on them;

(*g*) the number of girls who were studying in the Departmental English High School, Shertallai, at the time when the Director inspected the school; and

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(*h*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of these girls?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). The answers are in the affirmative.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) and (*f*) These do not arise in view of answer to part (*d*).

(*g*) 81.

(*h*) 32 Nayars, 23 Ezhavas, 9 Brahmins, 2 Ambalavasis and 15 Christians.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): ഫസ്റ്റ് സെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ ഫ-ന-ലെ ഇൻസ്പെക്ഷൻ നോട്ട്സ് മേശമേൽ വയ്ക്കുമോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): എന്റെ കയ്യിലുണ്ട്. വേണമെങ്കിൽ മെമ്പറെ കാണിക്കാം.

Departmental Vernacular Middle School, Shertallai.

320. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of pupils studying in the Shertallai Departmental V. M. School when the Director of Public Instruction inspected the School on the 25th September 1929;

(*b*) how many pupils can be accommodated in this school according to the Education Code;

(*c*) whether any proposals have been made in the Director's inspection notes for remedying the lack of accommodation in this school;

(*d*) if so, what those proposals are; and

(*e*) whether they have taken any action on them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 567.

(*b*) 260.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) (i) Repairs to the main building;

(ii) gradual provision of an additional substantial structure; and

(iii) utilising the old building of the English High School, after providing the High School with the required additional accommodation.

(*e*) The Government have taken no action. But the Director sent a copy of his notes of visit to the Inspector of Vernacular Schools on 28-9-1929. The Inspector submitted on 19-11-1929 estimates for repairs to and improvement of the main building of the school. These estimates were passed by the Director and returned to the Inspector on 27-11-1929.

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